

FRAT squeaks out one-point victory for intramural football championship

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The FRAT and Fire Department flag football teams had met twice this year, with each team winning one game, and on Oct. 4 the teams met again, this time for the league championship. The teams put on an entertaining display of both high-powered offense and timely defense, but in the end someone had to win, and the FRAT came out on top 28-27.

On the first play of the game, Jim Dwyer, FRAT quarterback, threw a short pass, which was then lateraled to another receiver who ran 45 yards down to the one-yard line. The very next play, Dwyer threw a pass to Anthony Gilmore for a touchdown. The extra point was good, giving the FRAT a 7-0 lead.

The Fire Department responded with a quick strike of their own. On their first play from scrimmage, Dillion Griffith threw a 60-yard bomb to Ron Coleman for a touchdown. The Fire Department could not convert on the extra point, leaving them down

by one point.

Dwyer completed a few passes on the next FRAT possession, but the drive stalled at mid-field and the Fire Department got the ball back.

Griffith came out hot, hitting various receivers and using his quickness to avoid getting sacked. He was eventually able to hit Jason Clinkenbeard with a 20-yard bullet for a touchdown. The Fire Department was able to convert on the two-point conversion giving them a 14-7 lead.

The FRAT responded with a few quick passes. They got a crucial first down about 15 yards from the endzone, and Dwyer followed that with a touchdown pass. After converting the extra point, the game was tied at 14.

On their next possession, the Fire Department drove the ball to midfield, but ended up turning it over on downs.

On the ensuing drive, Dwyer hit a wide-open Gilmore with a 40 yard bomb for a touchdown.

The first half ended with a 21-14 score in favor of the FRAT.

The FRAT scored early in the second half on a 10-yard run by

Dwyer, giving them a two-touchdown lead.

The Fire Department responded once again. Griffith moved his team down the field with an array of passes, resulting in a 20-yard touchdown.

As time ran down, the FRAT controlled the ball and moved slowly down the field, trying to run out the clock. With just over two minutes left in the game, Coleman intercepted Dwyer and returned the ball 40 yards.

The next play Griffith found Coleman in the endzone for a 20-yard score. With less



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The Fire Department's Dillion Griffith releases a pass just before the FRAT'S Dave Cope grabs his flag.

than two minutes to play and the FRAT up by one, the Fire Department decided to go for the win with a two-point conversion. Griffith scrambled to his right and threw a pass that was short of the endzone.

The FRAT proceeded to run out the clock, giving them the 28-27 victory.

"It was a good game. We should have played better defense," said a disappointed Griffith after the game.

Dave Cope, FRAT player/coach, applauded Griffith for his efforts. "He is a great player and a very fast quarterback," Cope said, "We won because we were able to contain him."

Gilmore said that the FRAT played well as a team and he was proud of the way they came together throughout the season. He also gave all of the basketball players a warning. "Watch out, because the FRAT is coming for the basketball championship too."



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Anthony Gilmore of the FRAT tries to gain extra yards as Fire Department defenders swarm in on him